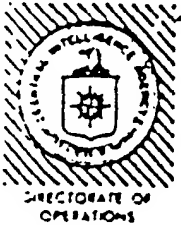


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COUNTRY: GUATEMALA

CITE [REDACTED]
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SUBJECT: FURTHER DETAILS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA INVESTIGATION
INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF A UNITED STATES PRIEST
(OOIS: [REDACTED] 1981)

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

1. GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT FERNANDO POMER L U C A S GARCIA
ORDERED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF
A UNITED STATES PRIEST.

COMMENTS:

A UNITED STATES PRIEST WAS KILLED BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS IN
THE EARLY MORNING OF 28 JULY 1981. AT PRESENT, THERE IS
NO FIRM EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE IDENTITY OF THE ASSASSINS.

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2. [REDACTED] COMMENTED THAT THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INDICATED THAT TWO MEN AND A WOMAN WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLING, AND THAT THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF FORCED ENTRY INTO THE PRIEST'S HOME. [REDACTED] COMMENTS: SEE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FOR A CONFLICTING REPORT.) [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE PRIEST HAD BEEN ON A "DEATH LIST" BECAUSE OF ALLEGED "SUBVERSIVE" ACTIVITIES BUT ADDED THAT THE ARMY HAD NOT BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION. [REDACTED] COMMENTS: THERE IS NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT THE PRIEST WAS INVOLVED IN EXTREME LEFTIST ACTIVITIES.)

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] COMMENTS: [REDACTED]

IT IS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE THAT THE GUATEMALAN HIGH COMMAND WOULD HAVE AUTHORIZED THE ASSASSINATION OF A UNITED STATES PRIEST AT THIS TIME. THERE IS STILL NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE IDENTITY OF THE ATTACKERS.)

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

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7. WASHINGTON DISSEM:

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